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Rejection for nomenclatorial purposes of the anonymously issued pamphlet entitled *Buprestidae* believed to have been written by F. W. Hope and distributed in the year 1836



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OPINION 234

REJECTION FOR NOMENCLATORIAL PURPOSES OF THE ANONYMOUSLY ISSUED PAMPHLET ENTITLED “BUPRESTIDAE” BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY F. W. HOPE AND DISTRIBUTED IN THE YEAR 1836

RULING :—(1) Names contained in the anonymous pamphlet entitled *Buprestidae* believed to have been written by F. W. Hope and distributed by that author in 1836 are not available for nomenclatorial purposes as from that pamphlet which was not published in the manner prescribed by Article 25 of the *Règles*.

(2) The title of the foregoing pamphlet is hereby placed on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Works in Zoological Nomenclature* as Work No. 5.

I.—THE STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On 5th July 1936 the late Dr. H. J. Carter (*Wahroonga, New South Wales, Australia*) submitted to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature the following application in which he asked for a Ruling that the names first published in the anonymous pamphlet entitled *Buprestidae* believed to have been written by F. W. Hope and distributed by him in 1836 possessed no status for nomenclatorial purposes :—

Proposal that the pamphlet entitled “Buprestidae” privately and anonymously issued by Hope (F. W.) in 1836 should be suppressed for nomenclatorial purposes

By H. J. CARTER, B.A.

I am sending you a photographic copy¹ of a paper entitled “Buprestidae” privately issued by Hope in 1836. This paper aroused some stir in 1867 (see [1868], *Proc. ent. Soc. Lond.* (3) 5 : cix—cx). There is a reference to it also by Edward Saunders in 1868, *Trans. ent. Soc. Lond.* 1868 : 1—67.

¹ Not reproduced.

These references make it possible to estimate the trouble that is arising in systematic entomology through the publications by Dr. Jan Obenberger of Prague on the family BUPRESTIDAE.

The object of this appeal is to call attention to the confusion arising from the recognition by Dr. Obenberger of the validity of the names contained in Hope's pamphlet, in spite of the fact that it has been repudiated by authors in this group ever since 1868, on the ground that it was not published in a true sense.

I have already protested elsewhere (1934, *Ann. Mag. nat. Hist.* (10) 14 : 551, 553) against the recognition of this pamphlet. Is it possible to prevent further recognition of it? The genus *Stigmodera* Eschscholtz, 1829, *Zool. Atlas* 1 : 9, for example, contains some 400 species. When, therefore, a large number of obsolete names are revived as the result of the publication of a Catalogue of the BUPRESTIDAE, further serious confusion arises.

II.—THE SUBSEQUENT HISTORY OF THE CASE

2. Dr. Carter's application was one of a number of current applications which in May 1938 were transferred to the care of Mr. Francis Hemming, who in 1936 had been elected Secretary to the Commission on the retirement of Dr. C. W. Stiles. On receipt, this application was given the Registered Number Z.N.(S.) 57. It had not been found possible to advance the consideration of this case by the time that the outbreak of war in Europe in September 1939 led to the evacuation of the records of the International Commission from London to the country as a precaution against the risk of destruction through air raids. The Secretariat in London was re-opened in 1942, and steps were immediately taken to establish the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* as a means for bringing to the attention of zoologists applications submitted to the International Commission for decision. Work was at once started on outstanding applications with a view to arranging for their publication in the newly established *Bulletin*.

3. When the present case came to be examined as a preliminary to its being published in the *Bulletin*, Mr. Hemming took the view that the information furnished by Dr. Carter was not

sufficient for the purposes of the Commission, and, on his invitation, Dr. Karl Jordan (*British Museum (Natural History), Zoological Museum, Tring, Herts, England*), then President of the Commission, investigated the problem submitted by Dr. Carter and on 3rd September furnished the following Report on it:—

On the pamphlet “Buprestidae” anonymously issued by Hope (F. W.) in 1836

By KARL JORDAN, Ph.D., F.R.S.

(*British Museum (Natural History), The Zoological Museum, Tring*)

According to what critics have said, the 13-page pamphlet “Buprestidae” is not a publication, but a privately printed and privately distributed list. It has no title-page, no author’s name, no price.

Hagen, 1862, *Bibl. entom.* 1 : 379, has the entry:—“Buprestidae. (1836). 8 pg. 13. (nicht publicirt, Bibl. Hope)”.

The Secretary to the Entomological Society of London (either J. W. Dunning or David Sharp, who were joint Secretaries at the time, but more probably the latter) criticised the pamphlet “Buprestidae” at a meeting of the Society held on 6th January 1868 (1868, *Proc. ent. Soc. Lond.* (3) 5 : cix—cx). The following is an extract from the criticism there advanced:—

The paper in question consists of thirteen pages, at the top of which is the word “Buprestidae”; this is the only title it bears. There is no title-page, preface, introduction or explanation whatsoever; no author’s name, no printer’s name, no date; no name of any bookseller or of any other place at which the public might obtain it; and as to many of the insects described, there is nothing to show that they are Australian species, or to point out the collections in which the type-specimens were deposited. . . I submit that the unpublished names of the anonymous print “Buprestidae” must give way to published names, whatever the date of the latter may be.

In the *Transactions of the Entomological Society of London* for 1868 (: 1—67), where Edw. Saunders published a revision of the Australian BUPRESTIDAE, Saunders said in a footnote (: 2); “I have abandoned the names of the unpublished tract ‘Buprestidae’ in favour of published names, though later in point of date”.

4. In September 1944 Dr. Carter’s application and Dr. Jordan’s note were sent to the printer, but, owing to difficulties arising from paper rationing, shortage of labour at the printing works and similar causes, publication did not actually take place until

26th July 1945 (Carter, 1945, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.*, **1** : 117—118 ; Jordan, 1945, *ibid.* **1** : 118).

5. The publication of the present application in the *Bulletin* elicited two comments :—the first from Professor J. Chester Bradley (*Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., U.S.A.*), the second, from Mr. Francis J. Griffin, Honorary Archivist to the Commission.

6. *Comment by Professor J. Chester Bradley (Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., U.S.A.)* : Among a number of comments on then current cases enclosed with a letter dated 17th November 1945 received from Professor J. Chester Bradley (*Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., U.S.A.*) was the following on the pamphlet *Buprestidae* :—“ A paper unpublished and without standing in nomenclature ”.

7. *Comment by Mr. Francis J. Griffin, Honorary Archivist to the Commission* : Under cover of a letter dated 24th January 1946, Mr. Francis J. Griffin, Honorary Archivist to the Commission, submitted the following communication in which he brought together all the information which he had been able to collect in regard to the pamphlet *Buprestidae*. With this communication Mr. Griffin furnished also a photostat reproduction of the first page of F. W. Hope's own copy (now preserved in the Hope Department, University Museum, Oxford), in which Hope's name had been added in ink as that of the author.

The anonymous pamphlet “ Buprestidae ” Hope, F. W., [1836]

By FRANCIS J. GRIFFIN
(*Archivist to the Commission*)

A. Introduction

In view of the proposal of Carter (1945) that Hope's pamphlet should be suppressed for nomenclatorial purposes the following notes may be useful.

2. The pamphlet consists of a single printed sheet of 16 pages with pp. 14—16 blank. It is without the name of the author, date, place of publication, or imprint of any kind, and for title bears the single word *Buprestidae* in large type (see fig. 1). The sheet bears the signature “ B ” and “ B 2 ” as is customary in British printing when signature A is reserved for preliminary matter, such as the title-page, contents, foreword and so forth.

3. In this pamphlet are described a number of new buprestid beetles from the collections of : Hope, Children, Spence, Banks and the British Museum. Although the pamphlet is scarce, a number of copies exist and without making exhaustive enquiries, I know of copies in London (*Roy. Ent. Soc. Lond.* (two copies), *Brit. Mus. (Nat. Hist.)* (two copies)), Oxford, Paris, Amsterdam and Berlin. Others may also exist elsewhere.

4. The questions which need answering in considering the proposal to suppress the work are :

- (1) Who is the author of the work ?
- (2) What is the date of the work ?
- (3) Is the work published or unpublished ?

B. The author of the work

5. It is always assumed that this anonymous work was written by Revd. F. W. Hope, founder of the Hope Professorship at Oxford University and a leading spirit in the foundation of the Royal Entomological Society of London. From a study of the work itself it might be possible to deduce the authorship as for example on p. 6 where Hope gives his name as the author of a newly discovered species as follows :—

48. *S. Samouelli*, Hope.

Long. lin. lat. lin.

Thorace bronzeo marginibus violaceis, clytris purpurascens flavostictis. Corpore subtus violaceo.

Described from a specimen in the collection of the British Museum, and named in honour of the assiduous Curator of the Entomological department.

6. But there is stronger evidence of authorship to be found in Hope (1840 : 173) where he wrote :

“ *Calodema Kirbii*, Hope

This magnificent insect, one of the most beautiful of all the *Buprestidae*, I named in honour of the Rev. William Kirby, in a *Prodromus*, which I published some few years back.

The species in question is described on page 2 of the pamphlet under the genus *Stigmodera*.

7. Furthermore, Westwood (1874 : xxii) confirms that Hope is the author by quoting the pamphlet in a “ List of the entomological works of the Rev. F. W. Hope ” as follows :—

“ 11. *Prodromus* of the *Buprestidae* of New Holland. (8vo. Lond. 1836, pp. 13.) ”

8. Other authors e.g. Engelmann, 1846 : 536 ; Hagen, 1862 : 379 ; Horn & Schenkling, 1928 : 572 ; Musgrave, 1932 : 153 ; and Sherborn, 1922 : lxxviii, all refer to it as by Hope and moreover in Hope's own copy, now housed in the Hope Department at Oxford, his name is added in ink as the author as may be seen by reference to the annexed text-figure.

9. Finally, I know of no reason against Hope being the author and I suggest that he be so considered.

C. The title of the work

10. As I have stated, the paper bears no title beyond the single word "*Buprestidae*", yet it has been referred to in print by several longer titles. Hope (1840 : 173) calls it a "Prodrömus". Engelmann (1846 : 536) cites it as : "Description of the *Buprestidae* in the collection of F. W. Hope". Hagen (1862 : 379) correctly describes it as "*Buprestidae*", as do Sherborn (1922 : lxxviii) and Musgrave (1932 : 153) the latter, however, adding that it was "later called 'Synopsis of Australian *Buprestidae*'". The library catalogues of the entomological societies of Paris and Amsterdam give it under the correct title. Perhaps the most important reference to it in print is that of Dunning (?)* (1868 : cix) who refers to the "so-called 'Synopsis of Australian *Buprestidae*'", a title under which it is cited by Laporte, Gory and other contemporary writers. Dunning (?) adds : ". . . at the top of the first [page] of which is the word *Buprestidae* ; this is the only title which it bears".

11. To sum up, I suggest that all authors who have seen the original quote it correctly as "*Buprestidae*" and only those quoting it on the basis of evidence of someone else use an alternative title for it. I should add, however, that possibly some older authors such as Laporte and Gory may have started this confusion by using some descriptive phrase of Hope's as a title for the work in describing their copy, and have been followed by later entomologists.

D. The date of the work

12. In 1840, Hope refers to the "Prodrömus which I published some few years back", while in 1874 Westwood states definitely that it appeared in 1836, a date since generally accepted (Engelmann, 1846 : 536 ; Hagen, 1862 : 379 ; Horn and Schenkling, 1928 : 572 ; Musgrave, 1932 : 153 ; Sherborn, 1922 : lxxviii). There is no indication of the date of the printing to be obtained from studying the pamphlet itself. Indeed, although reference is made to several published works therein, I am unable to discover a single date of any kind anywhere in the work.

* It is not possible to determine the authorship of the passage quoted, which is stated to be the Secretary of the Entomological Society, for there were two Secretaries at the time, e.g. J. W. Dunning and D. Sharp. I believe Dunning to be responsible but others consider Sharp the author.

Unpublished

BUPRESTIDÆ.

*Nova Hollandia -
auctore F. W. Hope. M. A. F. R. S. & L.*
1836.

I. CYRIA, *Serville.*

1. *C. imperialis*, Fab. Vid. Herbst, pl. 146. fig. 3.
2. *C. gagates*, Hope.
Long. lin. 16, lat. lin. $4\frac{1}{2}$.
Nigra, oculis flavis, thorace fossulato, punctato, elytrisque striato-punctatis. Corpus infra nigrum albisque capillis variegatum.
In coll. D. Hope.
3. *C. vittigera*, Hope.
Long. lin. 13, lat. lin. 4.
Flava, elytris vittis nigris variegatis.
In coll. D. Hope.

II. STIGMODERA, *Eschscholtz.*

1. *S. macularia*, Donovan, pl. 2.
2. *S. grandis*, Don. pl. 2. Bup.
3. *S. flavocincta*, Hope.
Long. lin. 16, lat. lin. $6\frac{1}{2}$.
Rufo-brunnea, thorace nigro-chalybeo flavo-marginato variolisque eroso, elytris rufo-brunneis externe flavo-cinctis. Corpus subtus æneum punctatum flavisque capillis obsitum, antennis pedibusque æneis.
In coll. Dom. Hope.
4. *S. Gorii*, Hope.
Long. lin. 16, lat. lin. 6.
Aurantia, thorace æneo punctato quasi vermibus eroso, elytris flavis punctis impressis confluentibus atris. Corpus subtus atroæneum cinereisque capillis obsitum.
In coll. Dom. Children.

13. Dunning (?) (1868 : cix) says " there is no doubt . . . that the date of printing was the year 1836 " and I know of no reason to doubt that year as being, in fact, the year of printing. No other date has been suggested so far as my knowledge goes.

E. Is the work published or unpublished?

14. The author, Hope, states (1840 : 173) that he " published " the work some years earlier.

15. Engelmann (1846 : 536), by including it in his list of works " welche . . . in den Jahren 1700—1846 erschienen sind ", assumes it to have been published, but assigns no price to it which is unusual.

16. In 1867, on the 26th November at the meeting of the Entomological Society Saunders (1868 : 1) read a paper entitled " A revision of the Australian *Buprestidae* described by the late Rev. F. W. Hope ". This paper took account of Hope's anonymous work and accepted it as published but this action led to a protest and a discussion took place which is recorded in the Proceedings of the Society as follows :—

The Secretary* made the following observations on the nomenclature of Australian *Buprestidae* adopted by Mr. Edward Saunders in a paper read at the meeting of the 4th of November, 1867 (*ante*, p. ci.) :—

The rejection by Mr. Edward Saunders, in his " Revision of the Australian *Buprestidae* described by the Rev. F. W. Hope", of certain published names, in favour of the names given by Mr. Hope in the so-called " Synopsis of Australian *Buprestidae* ", raises a question of some importance as regards priority of nomenclature.

I have always understood the rule to be this—that the specific name by which an insect is to be called and known is the name under which a sufficient description of the species was first published.

Names contained in a paper which is privately printed, but not published, rank only as MS. names : however freely the paper may be disseminated among the author's friends, however wide the circle of his acquaintance, it must still remain inaccessible to the public—it is not published within the meaning of the rule.

What then are the facts concerning the paper which Mr. Edward Saunders (following Laporte and Gory and others) cites as Hope's " Synopsis of Australian *Buprestidae* " ?

The paper in question consists of thirteen printed pages, at the top of the first of which is the word BUPRESTIDAE ;

* As I have stated earlier (footnote to para. 10) I believe this to refer to J. W. Dunning and not to D. Sharp.

this is the only title which it bears. There is no title-page, preface, introduction or explanation whatsoever ; no author's name, no printer's name, no date ; no name of any bookseller or of any place at which the public might obtain it ; and as to many of the insects described, there is nothing to show that they are Australian species, or to point out the collections in which the type-specimens were deposited.

At the same time there is no doubt that the author was Mr. Hope, that the date of printing was the year 1836, that the insects are all from Australia, and (when no other collection is mentioned) were in Mr. Hope's own cabinet ; and lastly, besides the descriptions of sixty-six new species, the paper contains references to all the previously-described Australian *Buprestidae* (twenty-seven in number), so that "A Synopsis of Australian *Buprestidae*" would have been a very appropriate title to have given it.

There can be little doubt that a print of this paper was in the hands of Laporte and Gory when they prepared their Monograph of the *Buprestidae*, and it must be admitted that they cite the "Synopsis of Australian *Buprestidae*" as if it were a published work. Other writers have done the same, probably following Laporte and Gory, without having their attention directed to the question of publication or non-publication. It is true also that Hope himself (*Col. Man.* 3 : 173) in 1840 speaks of "a Prodrômus which I published some years back". "Published" in the sense of being communicated to his entomological friends, I have no doubt it was ; but "published" in the sense of being made accessible to or obtainable by the public, I believe it never was. . . .

I submit that the unpublished names of the anonymous print *Buprestidae* must give way to published names, whatever the date of the latter may be.

Prof. Westwood argued that Mr. Hope's paper, though privately printed, had in fact been so widely disseminated as to amount to publication ; at any rate, that it might be treated as published *sub modo*—i.e. as against all persons who had notice of its existence . . .

The President [Sir John Lubbock], Mr. Bates, Mr. M'Lachlan, Mr. Pascoe and other members, agreed that accessibility to the public could alone constitute publication within the meaning of the rule of priority in nomenclature.

17. As a result of this discussion Saunders reconsidered the matter and decided against acceptance of the pamphlet as published as will

be seen from the following quotation from his paper (Saunders, 1868 : 1—2).

The first work of any importance on the *Buprestidae* of Australia was printed by Mr. Hope in 1836, in which are mentioned all the species then known to him from that part of the world. The descriptions, however, which he gives are so short, and wanting in specific character, as to be nearly useless ; and, besides this, many of the insects he described as species can only be considered as mere varieties.

Footnote to p. 2.

At the time when this paper was prepared and read before the Society, I was under the impression that Mr. Hope's descriptions of 1836 had been published, and were entitled to priority over the names given by Laporte and Gory, and subsequent authors. But finding from the discussion which is reported in Proc. Ent. Soc., 1867, pp. cix, cx, that Mr. Hope's paper was printed only for private circulation, I have abandoned the names of the unpublished tract *Buprestidae* in favour of published names, though later in point of date.—E.S. *March*, 1868.

18. The only author who objected to regarding the paper as unpublished was Westwood, whose peculiar proposal that the pamphlet "might be treated as published *sub modo*—i.e. as against all persons who had notice of its existence" clearly cannot be adopted.

19. In view of the very intimate association between Hope and Westwood, it is perhaps understandable that Westwood was anxious to protect the work of his deceased partner and patron.

20. By 1874, however, Westwood seems to have made up his mind, for he then wrote of this memoir (1874 : xxii) :—"This memoir, which was printed for private circulation and was widely distributed by the author".

21. But even more conclusive is the evidence in Westwood's own hand written across Hope's own copy—the word "Unpublished" (see fig. 1). Westwood also wrote the same word on the copy now in the Library of the Royal Entomological Society of London, which was acquired as a duplicate from the Hope Department in 1931.

22. A further small point should not be overlooked. I have already hinted at the possibility of the work being more in the nature of a proofsheets and this possibility is strengthened by reference to the passage on page 6 (no. 48). There, as may be seen, spaces are left for measurements of size to be added but in no copy I know, including Hope's own, have these figures been added.

23. Even more remarkable is the absence of a printer's name, a legal requirement in all printed documents published in the United Kingdom, though not an essential feature from the point of view of Zoological Nomenclature.

F. Conclusions in regard to the work entitled "Buprestidae" by
F. W. Hope

- (1) This pamphlet was printed in 1836.
- (2) The only claim to "publication" is by the author in a vague statement made in 1840.
- (3) The overwhelming weight of evidence suggests that the work was privately printed and circulated only to certain friends of the author.
- (4) There is no evidence that this work was ever published in the generally understood meaning of that word.

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8. *Issue of Public Notices* : In view of the possibility that the International Commission might take the view that the pamphlet *Buprestidae* was an available work for nomenclatorial purposes but that it was desirable that the new names in it should be suppressed in the interests of stability, it was judged desirable in 1947 to put the Commission in a position at once to use its Plenary Powers in this case in the event of its deciding to make use of this procedure. Accordingly, on 14th September 1947, a notice of the possible use, by the International Commission on

Zoological Nomenclature, of its Plenary Powers in this case was issued to the serial publications prescribed by the Ninth International Congress of Zoology, Monaco, 1913. The publication of this notice elicited no objection to the action proposed.

III.—THE DECISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

9. The present application was considered by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature at the Thirteenth Meeting of its Paris Session held at the Sorbonne in the Amphithéâtre Louis-Liard on Monday, 26th July 1948 at 1730 hours. The following is an extract from the Official Record of the Proceedings of the International Commission setting out the decision reached by it in this case at the foregoing meeting (Paris Session, 13th Meeting, Conclusion 17) (1950, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 4 : 371) :—

THE COMMISSION agreed :—

- (1) that the names contained in the anonymous pamphlet entitled *Buprestidae* believed (a) to have been written by F. W. Hope and (b) to have been distributed by that author in 1836 were not published (“divulgués dans une publication”) as prescribed by Article 25 and that they therefore had no standing under the *Règles* as from the date of distribution of that pamphlet ;
- (2) to render an *Opinion* recording the decision specified in (1) above.

10. The decision taken in the present case was reported to, and approved by, the Section on Nomenclature of the Thirteenth

International Congress of Zoology, Paris, 1948, at its Fifth Meeting held on 26th July 1948 (1950, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 5 : 106).

11. The Ruling given in the present *Opinion* was concurred in by the sixteen (16) Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners present at the Paris Session of the International Commission, namely :—

Beltrán *vice* Cabrera ; Boschma ; Bradley ; di Caporiacco ; Hemming ; Hindle *vice* Jordan ; Jorge *vice* do Amaral ; Kirby *vice* Stoll ; Lemche *vice* Dymond ; Mansour *vice* Hankó ; Metcalf *vice* Peters ; Riley *vice* Calman ; Rode ; Spärck *vice* Mortensen ; van Straelen *vice* Richter ; Usinger *vice* Vokes.

12. The Ruling given in the present *Opinion* was dissented from by no Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner present at the Paris Session.

13. At its meeting held at Copenhagen in August 1953, the Fourteenth International Congress of Zoology decided to insert a provision in the *Règles* establishing an " Official Index " to be styled the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Works in Zoological Nomenclature* and directing the insertion therein of the title of any work which the International Commission might either reject under its Plenary Powers or declare to be invalid for the purposes of zoological nomenclature (1953, *Copenhagen Decisions zool. Nomencl.* : 23—24). Since the foregoing provision applies to past, as well as to future, decisions of this kind, the opportunity presented by the preparation of the present *Opinion* has been taken to record the insertion in the foregoing *Official Index* of the pamphlet *Buprestidae*.

14. The prescribed procedures were duly complied with by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature in dealing with the present case, and the present *Opinion* is accordingly hereby rendered in the name of the said International Commission by the under-signed Francis Hemming, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, in virtue of all and every the powers conferred upon him in that behalf.

15. The present *Opinion* shall be known as *Opinion Two Hundred and Thirty-Four (234)* of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

DONE in London this Ninth day of December, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Three.

*Secretary to the International Commission
on Zoological Nomenclature.*

FRANCIS HEMMING